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SUBJECT: ARGUS CORRESPONDENT INTERVIEWS EASUM

CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. ARGUS CORRESPONDENT KEN OWEN INTERVIEWED ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM DEC. 19 AND LATER SAID ARTICLE SLATED FOR PUBLICATION NEXT WEEK. INTERVIEW COVERED WIDE RANGE OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES AND U.S. SOUTH AFRICA RELATIONS, INCLUDING MULDER LETTER AND AMBASSADOR BOTHA'S ACCESS TO OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON.

2. EASUM EMPHASIZED U.S. SOUTH AFRICA RELATIONS CHARACTERIZED BY OPEN DISCUSSION, ARGUMENT AND DIALOGUE, AND SAID THESE RELATIONS BASICALLY AFFECTED BY DIFFERING APPROACHES TO PROBLEM OF RACE.

3. ASKED TO COMMENT ON POLICY OF COMMUNICATION, EASUM SAID. U.S. CONTINUES TO BELIEVE COMMUNICATIONS ELEMENT OF POLICY IS "EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND EXTREMELY USEFUL."  
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4. HE COMMENTED ON RECENT VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA ("SOBERING EXPERIENCE") AND ON NAMIBIA. OWEN ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN U.S. VIEWS ON RIGHTS OF MINORITIES IN AFRICA.

5. REQUEST PLAYBACK ON OWEN ARTICLE AND REACTION.  
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